

SOCIETY

Christmas Day was celebrated yesterday most informally by society. There were the usual stream of callers from one home to another in the fashionable residential section, many parties calling in person to present their gifts at the houses of their friends. Informal at home and neighbor parties with family dinners late in the evening, were given in most of the homes, and there were several big Christmas trees for the young folks, with dozens of cousins and interested relatives.

The coming week will be crowded with affairs for the girls and boys home from boarding school and college. The first function of the week is the Christmas Monday, which is always the handsomest entertainment given by the Richmond German Club each season, and there will be a great many out-of-town guests present. Colonel Dr. Stern will lead the dance with Miss Katherine Pleasants, one of the charming young girls to be introduced to Richmond society next winter, and the German will be given in the ballroom of the Jefferson Hotel. The attention of club members is called to the fact that the dance will begin promptly at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening, and not at 9:30, as in previous seasons, with the usual intermission for supper, which will be served at 10:30 o'clock.

Miss Ann Roy Johnston will give a dinner to-morrow evening in honor of Miss Irene Langhorne, Gibson of New York, and Miss Nancy Perkins, two midwinter debutantes. The dinner is a small affair, and the guests will go later to the Monday German at the Jefferson.

The social calendar for the week includes a variety of functions:

Miss Sarah Virginia Powers has issued cards for a tea at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon at her home, 1402 Park Avenue.

Miss Pulney Marshall Landstreet, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Landstreet, of the Thoroughbred Road, will give a dance at the Westmoreland Club at 8 o'clock on Monday evening. Only the younger contingent in town are included in the invitations.

Mrs. George Bull will give a tea on Monday afternoon at her home, 211 North Main Street, from 3 to 5 o'clock. The affair is in honor of Mrs. Miller's sister, Mrs. Thomas Dornley Adams, whose wedding was a fashionable event of the fall season.

Miss Elizabeth Branch, Chesterton daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evan H. Chesterton, 1626 West Grace Street, has sent out invitations for a tea which she is giving in honor of Miss Virginia Wilson and Miss Minnie Long, of Rock Hill, S. C., who are the holiday guests of Misses Muriel and Hattie Wilson. Miss Chesterton will entertain Tuesday from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Charles E. Bolling, of 902 West Grace Street, has issued invitations for an afternoon reception in honor of Miss Mildred Lefevre, a debutante of the season. Mrs. Bolling is entertaining at her apartment on Wednesday, December 29, from 4:30 to 6:30 o'clock, and about 150 guests have been included in the list of invitations.

On account of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity ball on the evening of Thursday, Mrs. T. Adams, of 1837 Monument Avenue, has changed the date of her dance for Miss Louise Currin to Wednesday evening.

M. Osborne Jones and Miss Alice Reid Jones, of 2300 Monument Avenue, will give a large dance at the Country Club of Virginia on Wednesday.

Miss Doreen Fitz Gerald has issued invitations for a dinner party, which is to take place at her residence, 1812 Monument Avenue, on Wednesday evening. The guests will include several members of the younger set, and after dinner they will go to the dance at the Country Club of Virginia, which Miss Jones and her brother are giving on that evening.

Colonel and Mrs. Andrew Jackson Gray, of the Chesterfield, are giving a dinner party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Travers. The affair will take place at the Westmoreland Club on Wednesday evening.

The Westmoreland Club has sent out cards for a very elaborate dinner dance, which is to take place on Wednesday evening. All the lower rooms and the roof garden are to be handsomely decorated with palms, ferns, bay trees, holly and mistletoe, and already many interesting parties have been arranged. About 350 invitations have been issued, some of which have gone out of town, and the affair will be the occasion for one of the most fashionable gatherings of the winter season.

Miss Mary Dade Taylor, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacquelin P. Taylor, has issued invitations to a house dance on Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Only the schoolboys and girls in town have been included in the invitations, and the affair will take place in Miss Taylor's home, 2325 Monument Avenue. The invitations have been limited to the boys and girls of the younger set, who will watch the old year out and the new year in.

An interesting affair of the holiday season will be a cabaret dinner at the Country Club on New Year's night from 8:30 to 9 o'clock, and from 9 until midnight there will be general dancing. Singing and other attractions will be featured during the dinner, and already a large number of prominent society people have engaged tables. This affair is an innovation at the Country Club, and will be a novel entertainment for the Christmas season.

To Celebrate Golden Wedding.

One of the most interesting occasions of the early winter season was the celebration on Monday by Mr. and Mrs. William H. Brauer of their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Brauer, who is a sister of Sir Moses Ezekiel, the noted sculptor, was before her marriage Miss Josephine Ezekiel, and both she and Mr. Brauer belong to families widely known and prominently related. The celebration took place at "The Farm," the country estate of Mr. and Mrs. Brauer, in Henric County, where they have lived ever since their marriage, and several hundred friends and relatives called during the evening to offer their congratulations and good wishes. The spacious rooms were thrown open everywhere and illuminated only by candlelight. Numerous candles were arranged in quaint old brass candelabra, hung with crystals, and the house was banked thick with the beautiful flowers sent to Mr. and Mrs. Brauer in honor of their fiftieth anniversary. The old home, with its old-fashioned furnishings, made a picturesque background for the affair, and the presence of the servants who have lived with the Brauer family since the bride of fifty years ago was a child were an added feature of interest.

In the dining-room the table was set with a golden basket of yellow blossoms, caught with gold-colored gauze ribbon, and the wedding cake, which was a gift from Mrs. Brauer's sister, Mrs. Samuel, of Cincinnati, occupied a place of honor on a small table arranged especially for the purpose. The cake was a beautiful affair, decorated in forget-me-nots, lilacs of the valley and pink roses, and was wreathed in sprays of holly and boxwood. Mr. and Mrs. Brauer received their guests, assisted only by Mrs. Brauer's sister, Mrs. Samuel, and many relatives from various parts of the country came to this anniversary. Mrs. Brauer wore a handsome gown of black crepe, and Miss Sallie Harbaugh presided at the punch bowl, and the grandchildren of the bride assisted in the dining-room. There were four in the present. Monday evening, and this is the sixth generation to be gathered under the roof-tree of "The Farm."

The home of Mrs. E. D. Redd, in Barton Heights, was the scene last Tuesday of a pretty home wedding. The contracting parties being Miss Lizzie May Polzey, niece of Mrs. Redd, and Robert Wynn Wilkinson. On account of the marriage was very quietly performed, being witnessed by the immediate families of the bride and groom. The ceremony was performed at 2 o'clock by Rev. A. Barlow Rudd, D. D., pastor of the Heights Baptist Church. The bride entered the church on the arm of her father, while the wedding march "Lohengrin" was played by E. D. Redd, uncle of the bride. The groom was attended by his best man, Junius A. Redd, and the groom's first cousin of the bride, acted as matron of honor, while the curtains were drawn aside by Misses Nannie May Mercer and Evelyn Gregory.

Celebrate Their Golden Wedding



MRS. J. H. PARATER. Captain and Mrs. Parater will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage in Washington on Tuesday of this week. Both Captain and Mrs. Parater formerly lived in Richmond, and the latter was before her marriage Miss Charlotte H. Kendall, of this city.

AMHERST

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] AMHERST, Va., December 25.—Miss Bertha Pfister was the week-end guest of Miss Hester Scott.

Mrs. Cattie R. Henley, of Lynchburg, last week visited at Mrs. F. E. Voorheis's.

Thompson Voorheis, of Vicksburg, Miss., who is visiting his mother, Mrs. F. E. Voorheis, has gone to Richmond for a few days.

Miss Beadie Clark, who has been for some time a guest of her grandmother, Mrs. James E. Wood, has returned to her home in Wilson, N. C.

Miss Irene Haddock spent last week with friends at Monroe.

Miss Ruth McIlvray, of Sweet Briar College, while en route for New York, stopped at Amherst and spent Friday with Miss Mary Whitehead.

Miss Martha Robertson, who is teaching in Richmond, is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. C. J. Campbell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. R. Mills, in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rosser left on last Monday for Manassas, where they will make their home.

Thomas Whitehead, of Catwawa, is spending the Christmas holidays at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Tallaferra, of Lynchburg, this week were guests of Mrs. Sallie E. Tallaferra.

FORK UNION

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FORK UNION, Va., December 25.—Invitations have been received to the marriage of William Frank Spear, of this place, to Miss Mary Isabel Greener, of Hancock, Md., on December 26. The couple will take an extensive wedding tour. Miss Louise Spear, sister of the groom, will go to Hancock for the marriage.

William Holman and Miss Frasier will be married on December 29 in Loudoun County.

W. W. Arnold, of Raleigh, N. C., is visiting here.

Miss Lena G. Strange has returned, after a visit to her sisters in Richmond.

Miss Jeanette Daniel, who will be married in Weldon on December 29, is well-known here, being a granddaughter of Captain Charles G. Sneed, and she has often visited here.

VICTORIA

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] VICTORIA, B. C., December 25.—The store of Powell & MacFarland, at this place, was broken into and robbed Monday night. A hole was made in the glass window in the front of the store, the thief entering through this hole. There is considerable activity in the real estate market here, two land companies being at work on big sales.

Extra large shipments of turkeys and other produce have been going north over the Virginia Railway, and the officials report an increase in freight and passenger traffic.

Rev. Edmund LaVerne, of the Presbyterian Church, was presented with a substantial gift in gold by the employees of the Virginia Railway shops on Tuesday at the conclusion of his "shen talk" to them.

G. W. Koller, Commissioner of Agriculture, has written to the chairman of the Country Farmers' Union, accepting an invitation to be present at the next county meeting, to be held at Kenbridge on January 11.

Farmers state that they are getting good prices for their tobacco, and farm products in general are bringing high prices.

The Town Council has passed an ordinance placing a fine for the carrying of slingshots and gravelshooters. The boys have been causing much annoyance with these weapons of late, some shot having gone through the window of a passing passenger train recently and narrowly missed a passenger.

CULPEPER

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CULPEPER, Va., December 25.—Lieutenant James Vanney, United States Army, who has been stationed at El Paso, Tex., for the past two years, is here on a month's leave, which he is spending with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Vanney, at "Arlington," near Culpeper.

Miss Frankie Taint is home, after a visit to friends in Waynesboro, where on Tuesday she attended the marriage of Miss Champe Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Worthington Thompson, to Richard Smith.

Miss Frances Perry, who is spending the holidays at her home here, expects to leave early in January for South Carolina, where she will join Mrs. Douglas, who is now spending a couple of weeks at Palm Beach, Fla.

Dr. Clyde Lewis recently spent several days in Norfolk, attending the meeting of the State Dental Board, of which he is a member.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Armstrong, of Washington, are guests for the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. Judd Armstrong.

Dr. and Mrs. Marion Lewis and Miss Frances Lewis, of Culpeper, and Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Lewis and two children, of "Glen Arden," this county, are members of a family house party being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. William J. Parr, in Charlottesville.

Misses Louise Leavelle, Charita Jennings and Martha Hatch, students of the Harrisonburg Normal school, are at their homes here for the Christmas vacation.

The Christmas dance, to be given by the Post-and-Kettle Club, will be held in their hall on Monday night. In addition to the numbers of men and girls home from their various schools for the holidays, there are many guests expected from Washington, Charlottesville and other places.

Judge John Rutherford, of Goochland, who has been holding court here this week, has been the guest of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Tate, Shiloh, Va., who is also here for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Booker, of Huntington, W. Va., who have been visiting Dr. and Mrs. H. Clyde Lewis, will leave to-morrow to spend the remainder of the holidays with Mr. Booker's parents in Martinsville. They expect to return to Culpeper later.

Mr. and Mrs. Rein Pierce, of Waynesboro, are holiday guests of the latter's parents, Colonel and Mrs. S. M. Newhouse, who are entertaining a family house party, other guests being Mr. and Mrs. Sayre Thompson and Miss Katherine Thompson, of Grandy; Mr. and Mrs. Addison Hudson, and Mrs. sons, of Warrenton, and Mr. and Mrs. William Miller Vanney, of Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fray, Jr., of Arkansas, are guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fray. Their niece, Mrs. Wellington Wayland, of Washington, has also been spending several days with them.

Miss Carol Brown, a student of Randolph-Macon College, at Lynchburg, and her brother, Herndon Brown, Jr., of Bedford City, are spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herndon Brown.

MANASSAS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] MANASSAS, Va., December 25.—Among the college students who are spending the holidays at their homes in Manassas are: Candlish Williams, North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical; George Adamson, Cornell; Roswell Round and Richard Hayden, University of Virginia; Percy Hayden, V. P. L. Gilbert Spies, Richmond College.

Mrs. James Riden and daughter and H. O. Akers, of Washington, are guests at the home of Mrs. M. E. Akers.

Miss Louise Buck, of Orleans, Va., and Gray C. Buck, of Atlanta, Ga., are guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Buck.

Miss Rebecca Monroe, her sister, Miss Gray Monroe, and brother, Edward Monroe, of Burke, Va., were guests at the home of their uncle, C. F. Metz, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown, of Atlanta, Ga., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morgan.

Dr. S. S. Simpson, of Clarendon, was the guest of friends and relatives here during the week.

W. H. Cather, of Troutdale, Va., is here to spend Christmas with his family.

Dr. T. S. Dougherty, of New York City, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Athey during the week.

Miss Margaret Lynch left on Tuesday for Phoenix, Ariz., to visit her sister, Mrs. G. W. Berry. She was accompanied to New Orleans by Miss Mamie Lynch.

Prominent among the gayeties of Christmas week in Manassas are two dances to be held here on next Friday evening: the annual Christmas german will be held, and on Monday evening the older dancers of the town will give a like affair in Conners' Hall. Many out-of-town guests will attend both dances.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Garrison are spending Christmas week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Henry Shryock, in Herndon, Va.

Miss Louise Walker is spending Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Walker, at Barbourville, Va.

NORWOOD

NORWOOD, Va., December 25.—School closed here on Thursday for Christmas. Miss Wingo gave her primary scholars a Christmas tree.

H. A. Carrio, of Massachusetts, is visiting his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Bolton are with their daughter, Mrs. W. W. Dennis, of Lynchburg.

Miss Bertha Dolan, of Farmville, arrived on Wednesday to spend Christmas with her parents at "Sunny Side."

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